

This community update provides information on the progress of the Seamer 2 Drilling Project at Iona Gas Plant.

CIVIL WORKS AT IONA GAS PLANT

Civil construction work of the Seamer 2 well pad was completed at Iona Gas Plant during November 2021. The site is now ready for the mobilisation of the drilling rig and equipment.



REGULATORY APPROVALS

Following commencement of the Petroleum Regulations 2021 in early November last year, Lochard submitted the Operation Plan for the Seamer 2 Project.

Review of the Operation Plan is completed by Earth Resources Regulation, a division of the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions. Approval of the Operation Plan is provided by the Minister of Resources and was received on the 28th of January.

This enables the commencement of operational activities including mobilisation.

Lochard have also been working with the Environmental Protection Authority and have submitted and received approval for a Development Application exemption. The exemption contains a number of conditions, which Lochard are complying with.

DRILLING RIG AND CAMP MOBILISATION

The drilling rig for this campaign (Ensign Rig 965) is currently undergoing a reactivation and recertification process. This is anticipated to be completed in early February 2022.

The drilling accommodation 'Rig Camp' will be established from early February, ahead of the drilling rig mobilisation.

Mobilisation of rig loads to the site are expected to commence in the second or third week of February.

Mobilisation, rig up and commissioning will occur over three weeks until early March, after which, drilling will commence.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

More information on the Seamer 2 Project can be found at our projects website:

www.lochardenergy.com.au/our-projects/

Recent community engagement includes:

- Community Information Session (Virtual) on 14 September 2021
- Notice of Operation (final) issued on 23 November 2021

One community complaint has been received in relation to a loud truck braking noise event, during the civil pad construction work. The complaint was immediately investigated and followed up with the driver and company involved.

PROJECT TIMING

The Seamer 2 Project commenced in mid-2021 and is expected to be completed by mid-2022.

Planned project schedule:

- Mid-2021 (Ongoing)
Commence community and stakeholder engagement.
- September 2021 (Completed)
Conduct civil works at Iona Gas Plant to accommodate the drilling rig and associated equipment.
- February 2022
Establish an accommodation camp in the vicinity of Iona Gas Plant to accommodate the rig and support personnel. Mobilise drilling rig and equipment.
- March to April 2022
Drill and complete one well from inside the existing Iona Gas Plant facility area, subject to regulatory approvals.
- April/May 2022
Well clean up and flow test.
- May/June 2022
Connect the well into the existing Iona Gas Plant infrastructure and commission the new well to allow production activities to commence.

MORE INFORMATION

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